(c) by when the production of aircrafts would commence at commercial level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Certain foreign companies have expressed interest in co-production of civil aircraft with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and discussions are at a preliminary stage.

Extension of service to Associate NCC Officers

2160. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the procedures adopted for the grant of extension of service to associate NCC Officers who are basically Professors in colleges;

(b) what are the guiding principles for NCC in the matter of relationship amongst the principal of a college, the Vice-Chancellor of a University and the Army authorities in NCC;

(c) whether representation of the associate NCC Officers pending for a long period of time; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Rule 22 of NCC Rules 1948, as amended from time to time has the provision of granting extension of service to associate NCC Officers upto 55 years, beyond the relinquishment age of 50 years, in the interest of NCC Organisation. Director General, NCC, who has been delegated the powers to grant such extensions, takes decisions in accordance with the recommendations of the Officers in the chain of Command and after a receipt of a confirmation from the head of the educational institution about their inability to provide another suitable member of the teaching staff for the assignment of ANO.

(b) The responsibilities of all the Officers in the chain of Command in NCC Organisation are clearly defined, therefore, no further guidelines have been laid down to regulate the relationship amongst the Principal, the Vice-Chancellor of a University and Army authorities in NCC.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Visit of a British Delegation

2161. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a british delegation led by Mr. Nigel Paren, Director General Marketing of Defence Export Services Organisation visited New Delhi in May last to identify areas of joint Indo-British production and export of Defence items;

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof; and

(c) what follow-up action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) In order to expand the scope of cooperation between India and UK, a Defence Industry Mission comprising officials of UK Ministry of Defence, led by Sir Alan Thomas, Head of Defence Export Services Organisation (DESO) and including representatives of British defence industry visited India in *February, 1993*. The Mission visited our production units in the areas of aerospace and electronics with a view to identifying possibilities of joint production, buy back and international marketing of products. Two joint agreements were concluded and ideas for many more evolved. These ideas are being pursued through further discussions between the companies concerned.

In May 1993 a British delegation led by Mr. Nigel Paren, Director General Marketing of DESO visited New Delhi with the purpose of interaction with our officials on UK experiences of procurement, pricing, defence industry privatisation, etc. It was recognised that conditions in the two countries are different, yet some of the UK experiences could be of interest to us and could be studied further.

DRDO projects

2162. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of weapon projects undertaken by the Defence Research and Development Organisation for developing import substitutes had been given